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SUBJECT:    Applicant:    Stuart Lawson  
              Serial No:    10/009,474  
              Filed:        November 16, 2001  
              For:          A VALVE ASSEMBLY WITH DAMPER MEANS  
              Examiner:    Ramesh Krishnamurthy  
              Group:        3753  
              Docket No:   GJ-225J

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form PTO/SB/30 for the subject application and a check in the amount of \$395.00 for the filing fee for a small entity. Also enclosed is Preliminary Amendment including a Response to the final Office Action mailed June 6, 2006, a Petition for Extension of Time Within the Third Month, and a check in the amount of \$510.00 for the fee for a small entity to obtain this extension.

If for any reason this Request for Continued Examination or Preliminary Amendment are found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

If any payment during prosecution is found to be incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 09-0002. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 1.136(a)(3), the Office is hereby authorized to treat any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor. Also, any request or Petition for an Extension of Time notwithstanding an inadvertent reference in the Petition to a shorter period of time is to be treated as requesting the appropriate length of time.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by returning the enclosed self-addressed postcard.

Sincerely,



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I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, Express Mail Certificate No. EV 800568650 US, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 4, 2006.

  
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